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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

FROM: Ken Wagner, Ph.D., Commissioner 

SUBJECT: Approval of Necessity of School Construction: West Warwick

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the SBA Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. Article 9 of the FY16 State Budget lifted the moratorium on school construction, created the School Building Authority (SBA) at the RI Department of Education, created the SBA Capital Fund, and changed the multi-stage Necessity of School Construction application to an annual process. Because of this, the Board will be asked to review and approve projects annually at the end of each fiscal year.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve prioritized Major Projects and Fast Track Repairs. A chart summarizing West Warwick School District's projects is provided in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects totaling \$2,704,200 pursuant to 16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be \$1,782,068):

West Warwick:

i.	Maisie Quinn Elementary	\$ 86,640
ii.	Horgan Elementary	\$ 3,000
iii.	Greenbush Elementary	\$ 776,400
iv.	Wakefield Hills Elementary	\$ 16,680
v.	Deering Middle School	\$ 1,272,240
vi.	West Warwick High School	\$ 549,240

SUMMARY: FY 2018 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

WEST WARWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2018 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST**
Districtwide Repairs	This project will address repairs at West Warwick School District's Maisie Quinn E.S., Greenbush E.S., Deering Middle, and West Warwick High School including high priority system repairs.	This project includes health and safety improvements, including building envelope repairs, security projects, site repairs, and other building system improvements that affect student and staff health and safety.	66%	\$2,704,200 (Capital Reserve)	\$1,782,068	\$1,782,068

* State share ratio is based on FY2018 calculation. District may be eligible for additional reimbursement through bonus incentives.

** Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest. West Warwick intends to pay for project out of capital reserve funds.